



Bert Morgan



Ian Lewis



Rob Irvine



Jim Wishart

**LIFE MEMBERS
OF THE CLUB**

- Max Windsor *
- Bert Morgan
- David Gill *
- Frank Williams *
- Owen Carrick *
- Rob Irvine
- Jim Wishart OAM
- Norm Potter *
- Lionel Lewis *
- Ian Lewis AO
- (* deceased)

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Thirty years of Fellowship



HOBART PROBUS CLUB (MENS) INC



*The history of years 26 to 30
2008 - 2012*

25th Anniversary of the Club

was celebrated with a luncheon at the
Royal Yacht Club of Tasmania
on the 2 October 2007
with more than 110 members, partners and guests
attending and was fully reported in our
20 to 25 year booklet
and the November Club Bulletin
with a special mention of the granting of

Life Membership to
David Gill
Rob Irvine

Award of Appreciation Certificates to
Ric Burgess
Owen Carrick
Frank Williams
Ted Phillips

25 Year Awards to
Fred Peacock
Frank Williams
Col Willing
Max Windsor
Zika Jevtic

As the Club had celebrated it's 25th Anniversary
with the special luncheon
the usual Christmas function for 2007 was not held
and members enjoyed a BBQ at the Bowls Club
after the December meeting.

30th Anniversary of the Club

was celebrated on 11 October 2012
with a luncheon at Hadley's Hotel in Hobart

President Darrell Talbot welcomed members
and special guest
Geoff Squibb, Vice President of Hobart Rotary

Three of the Club's Life Members
Rob Irvine, Jim Wishart and Bert Morgan
recounted anecdotes from the early years
of the Club to the delight of members

The highlight of the event was the
induction of Ian Lewis as a new Life Member
in recognition of the extensive contribution he has
made to the growth and well being of the Club



Club members enjoying their 30th Anniversary Luncheon

OUTINGS AND EVENTS 2011 & 2012



**Abalone Factory
Outing
March - 2011**

**Mercury Press Outing
April 2011**



**Royal Tennis Outing
June 2011**



**President Darrell Talbot with
some of the new members
who were inducted mid 2012**

PRESIDENTS - 2008 to 2012



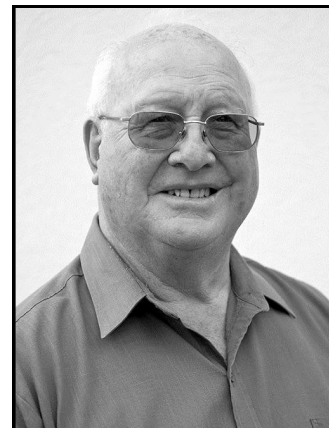
Athol Wilkes - 2008



Bill Rodd - 2010



Bruce Price - 2009



Geoff Medhurst - 2011



Darrell Talbot - 2012

MEMBERS

At our first meeting on 5 February, members were saddened to note the passing of **David Gill**, a Life Member who had been in charge of the Warblers singing group for several years.

Bill Carrick, a Past President, took seriously ill in July and passed away in August. Bill had thrown open his holiday home at Orford each year since 2003 for our annual visit there to play bowls against the local club and then enjoy a BBQ in the garden.

Rick Burgess tendered his resignation which was accepted with regret and he was offered 'Bulletin' membership. Rick had been the pianist for the Warblers for some 14 years but had retired from the position in 2006 because of a problem with his finger.

2 CLUB MANAGEMENT

Some minor amendments to the Probus Standard Constitution were brought to the attention of members at the April meeting and formally adopted in June. With the induction of a number of new members over the preceding months it was noted at our May meeting that we had passed the 100 mark and our future seemed assured.

Office Bearers elected at the Annual General Meeting in March 2008:

President:	Athol Wilkes	Vice President:	Stephen Graetzer
Secretary:	Terry Bowes	Treasurer:	Robert Willoughby
Past President:	Ron Martin	Ass. Secretary:	Bill Rodd
Ass. Treasurer:	Barry Simpson	Guest Speakers:	Bruce Price
Club Outings:	John Brodribb	Membership:	John Miller OAM
Bulletin & Publicity:	Darrell Milbourne	Support & Welfare:	Ian Lewis AO

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GUEST SPEAKERS

Club member, Jim Patterson gave a very entertaining talk on his life experiences from the Northern Territory to King Island.

ACTIVITIES

Fishing - the December Bulletin gave a glowing report of the November outing to the Snowy Range Trout Farm where a number of members had success with catches of trout and Atlantic salmon and the trophy for the largest fish was won by Gordon Dowl. However Ron Martin advised that the Snowy Range Trout Farm had new owners and would no longer be a tourist destination and we would not be having anymore enjoyable outings there.

ACTIVITIES

Photography - Paul Dalton, (convenor of this activity group) advised members that a photography competition open to all members to enter was proposed. Full details of the entry conditions were printed in the Bulletin for the information of members.



Robin Holmes (on the right) receiving his 3rd place prize and certificate in the Photographic competition from President Darrell Talbot

2 GUEST SPEAKERS

Member, Ian Lewis, kept members interested at the February meeting when he gave a talk on 'Mum's Home Remedies' for most of the various illnesses suffered by people of the time. Some strange potions were described.

Peter Boyer, whose topic was 'Climate Change' gave a very interesting talk to members at the October meeting.

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OUTINGS

Gordon Goward welcomed in the year 2012 with another of his 'World Championships' at the Club's BBQ held at the Waterworks Reserve. He had initiated the idea in 2009 with Petanque and each year had another interesting contest, the latest being the 'World Probus Rissolle-Making Championship' which, according to all reports was a great success.



Bruce Price receiving his winner's award from Gordon Goward watched by the judges Bill Mottershead, Norma Barrett & Peter Voss

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The Snowy Range Bus outing in March proved popular with members and some partners when we took a scenic bus trip from the Club rooms up past New Norfolk and across the hill, finishing up in Huonville for lunch at the Huon Hotel.

So we come to the beginning of our 30th Anniversary year.

MEMBERS

At the April meeting President Darrell announced that **Lionel Lewis**, a recently elected Life Member, had passed away.

Fred Peacock, had also passed away and this was of particular importance to the Hobart Probus Club (Mens) in that he could be considered 'Father of the Club' as it was he, at a meeting at the Naval and Military club in Hobart on the 5 October 1982 who had moved 'that this meeting determine a Club be formed and called the Probus Club of Hobart'. The motion was duly seconded and passed and the Hobart Probus Club (Mens) came into existence.

2 **Jim Paterson** - who had joined the Club in 2005 and often entertained the Club with amusing anecdotes or poems of his writing, passed away in July. His ready wit will be missed.

0 At the commencement of the August meeting President Darrell informed members that **Ric Burgess** had passed away shortly after his 90th birthday. His memory will always remain with the Club as, amongst other things, he composed our Probus 'Welcome' song for new members.

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CLUB MANAGEMENT

2 **Office Bearers elected at the Annual General Meeting in March 2012:**

President:	Darrell Talbot	Vice President:	Ted Best
Secretary:	Robin Holmes	Treasurer:	Roger More
Past President:	Geoff Medhurst	Ass. Secretary:	Barry Simpson
Ass. Treasurer:	Ian Miller	Guest Speakers:	Bernard Knight
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In June, following the unfortunate demise of the Sandy Bay Probus Club (Mens), our Club had an influx of new members. These members were inducted in small groups over several meetings.

A total of 22 members from the Sandy Bay Probus Club joined our Club and with a membership of over 100 the future appears bright and we can hopefully look forward to many years to come.

Warblers - Keith Bailey offered to take over the responsibility for the singing group, the Warblers, following the untimely passing of David Gill.

Luncheon - Geoff Medhurst initiated this activity and with 8 Probians attended the inaugural function on 15 May. The group has proved to be popular.

Walking -



Each Wednesday morning members and their partners enjoy a beach-side walk followed by a cup of coffee at a nearby restaurant

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OUTINGS

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On 12 May 2008 members and their partners enjoyed an outing on the 'ML Egeria'



FUNCTIONS

Christmas - after considering the high prices being asked for our Annual Christmas lunch at several venues, the Committee decided that we should go to the Prince of Wales Hotel on 2 December where more than 70 members, partners and guests enjoyed a fine meal. A highlight of the day was the **granting of life membership to Frank Williams and Owen Carrick**.

In his Christmas message President Athol remarked on the successful year of 2008 with a membership of over 100 and the strength of the Club being due to the standard of guest speakers and the support given to our 8 activity groups.

MEMBERS

Max Windsor sustained an injury in a fall at the Aquatic Centre earlier in the year and this was followed by a minor stroke in June. He found it necessary in August to relinquish his position as convener of the Aquarobics Activity Group. Max had held this position since the group's inception. They had met firstly at his private pool and finally at the Hobart Aquatic Centre. The new convener of the group is Jim Wishart.

Frank Williams a Life Member and another of our founding members, passed away in August. He was convener of the original Warblers and had served in the capacity for some years.

CLUB MANAGEMENT

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It should be noted that the Vice President from 2008, Stephen Graetzer, vacated his position due to health reasons in February 2009 and was not available for election at the AGM. Hence the election of Bruce Price as President who had been accepted by the Committee after being duly nominated and seconded for the position.

ACTIVITIES

2009 got off to a good start with optimistic reports promised for the year by the various Activity groups.

Luncheons -

Members enjoy monthly luncheons at various Hobart restaurants.



In an attempt to satisfy insurance requirements a convoluted non-attendance protocol was presented to members, but it met with considerable opposition causing it to be referred back to the committee. An amended system was later presented to members and accepted.

ACTIVITIES

Obeans - dwindling ranks in this group became a worry in relation to the bi-monthly luncheons and the convener, Ian Lewis, regretfully decided to cease the practice in July. With the resignation of Zita Jevtic, it left only one remaining founding member at meetings, Fred Peacock.

Aquarobics - there was a change in the group convener towards the end of the year when Athol Wilkes took over from Jim Wishart who became unable to carry on due to health problems.

GUEST SPEAKERS

A particularly interesting talk by Tony Hope, in June on the history of Sullivans Cove and its surrounds from convict days to the present time was well received by an enthusiastic audience.

OUTINGS

A busy time for bowlers was flagged and it was noted that outings for the year would be scheduled mainly on the 3rd Tuesday of each month.

Outings Committee

L to R -

*Bob Pratt,
Peter Voss,
Gordon Goward,
John Brodribb,
John Rabbidge
Hamish Kyle and
Geoff
Medhurst*



FUNCTIONS

Christmas Luncheon - the chosen venue was again the University Staff Club and it was reported to have been an enjoyable occasion with 86 diners being present.

MEMBERS

Norm Potter - unfortunately Norm had only a short time to enjoy his Life Membership status as he succumbed to a fatal heart attack on 23 January.

George Norris - the general meeting in March was a unique one in that we celebrated George's 100th birthday. A special morning tea and the presentation of a certificate marked the occasion. George had been a well known Jeweller and Watchmaker in Hobart and had served as an Instrument Technician in World War 11. He joined the Club in 1995 and until recently had driven himself from the Eastern Shore to meetings and to Obean luncheons, but shortly afterwards he retired from driving and became a 'Bulletin' member.

Col Burrows, who had been plagued with ill health for some time passed away in March. He had been our President in 1999 and had a special hobby of constructing replica models of ships. He had presented a model of the then recently built Lady Nelson to the Sail Training Institute on behalf of the Probus Club.

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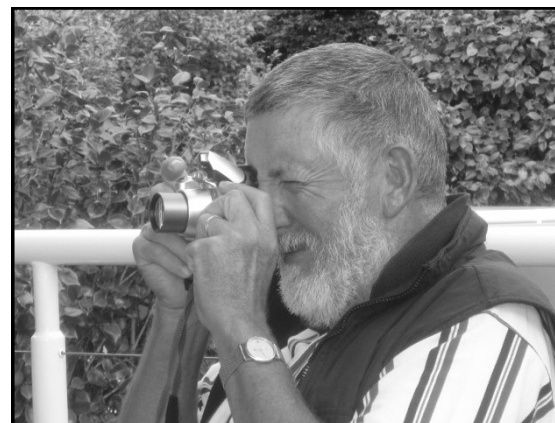
Bruce Price took the Past President's position in lieu of Bill Rodd who had left the State.

In August, Treasurer Barry, drew attention of members to the increase in the morning tea levy which was causing a drain on the Club finances and flagged a possible increase in membership fees in the coming year to offset this. It was decided to increase meeting fees, commencing at the first meeting, from \$2 to \$3 in an attempt to alleviate the problem.

The Committee advised that, in future leave of absence from meetings would only be granted for a maximum of 6 months.

Photography:

A proposal for this new Activity group was flagged by member Paul Dalton (who lectured in photography at U3A) in August with 10 members attending the inaugural meeting in November. This group has continued with field trips and discussion days.



Bill Mottershead, a member of the newly formed Photographic Activity Group, trying out his skills on a photo-shoot at Botanical Gardens

OUTINGS

John Brodrigg, Outings Co-ordinator, reported at the November meeting that support for the 2009 program had been excellent for some activities but poor for others and asked for members to give some thought to expressing their desires in the coming year.



Members, John Rabbidge and John Brodrigg sipping a 'wee drop' at the Lark Distillery on the Outing in May 2009

FUNCTIONS

Christmas: In December it was back to the Royal Yacht Club venue for our luncheon which was of a high standard and we were entertained by the Warblers. Ian Routley from Probus-Rotary presented **Jim Wishart with Life Membership of the Club.**

MEMBERS

Owen Carrick, who had been our auditor for a number of years, and was granted Life Membership in 2007, passed away in January.

Brian Roberts, one of our members had a sobering story to tell at the February meeting. His home had been broken into by thieves during the holiday period and despite him considering that valuables had been carefully hidden these had been found and stolen. He commended to the members that they check that the security of their homes is adequate.

Max Windsor's death was advised at the May meeting. Max had been a founding member, our President in 1988 and was credited with introducing the concept of Hobby/Activity Groups into the Club to promote fellowship between meetings.

Lionel Lewis, was elected a Life Member of the Club in June. He had been a member for 26 years and served in various positions, including that of President in 1989.

Norm Potter, was elected a Life Member of the Club in November. He had joined the Club in 1993 and was President in 1996. His enthusiasm saw him propose 10 new members to our Club and he had served in various positions on the Committee.

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GUEST SPEAKERS

There was a slight hiccup at the September meeting when the guest speaker for the day did not turn up, but all was well with several members entertaining us with some excellent stories and good jokes.

ACTIVITIES

Most activity groups had got off to a good start for the new year.

Bowls - the report by the Bowls Group advised that the annual contest between Hobart and Sandy Bay Probus had gone in our favour and we had retained the Challenge Trophy.

Golf - unfortunately due to falling interest members were advised at the first meeting in 2010, that it had been decided that the golf group would lapse. Those who had participated were thanked and a special mention was made of Norm Potter for his donation of the Ted Pool Trophy which had been won by John Bennett on the last Probus golf day in November. The group was resurrected in June 2011 for a short time but quietly faded away again early in 2012.

OUTINGS

The members who took part in the outing to the Waddamana Power Station Museum in October were most impressed by the stories surrounding the delivery of all the equipment to the site in 1915 and the present fine condition of the exhibits.

The construction site at Berriedale for MONA was an impressive event for members who had taken part in this outing in November.



Members who went along on the Waddamana Power Station outing in October 2010

FUNCTIONS

Christmas - Vice President Geoff Medhurst announced at the meeting that he had arranged for our Christmas luncheon to be held at a completely different location from our past functions and he advised that the venue would be the Tasmanian University Club in Sandy Bay on Tuesday, 7 December. He expected the luncheon to be a 'fantastic experience.' The report of the luncheon in the February 2011 Bulletin noted that more than 90 members, partners and guests had an enjoyable time.